

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This is a continuation application of PCT/EP02/06615 filed 15 June 2002, which PCT application claims priority of German application number 101 35 175.5 filed 19 July 2001. The PCT International application was published in the German language.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A bucket tappet of this type is previously known from ~~US~~ U.S. Patent 5,651,335. In this, two sliders are arranged in the vicinity of the base of the circular section and, for the coupling case, can be displaced radially outward into a corresponding holder of a ring shaped section. The disadvantage in the case of the generic tappet is that, in particular, its ring shaped section is relatively complicated to produce. This is based on the fact that its holders are connected thereto in one piece. The relatively massive transverse web present in the ring shaped section in order to form the holders makes fabrication, in particular chip-free fabrication, of the ring shaped section relatively expensive. Furthermore, it must be ~~recorded~~ noted that only a relatively short compression spring can be used as a lost-motion spring because of the transverse webs.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By means of these aforementioned simple measures, it is possible to dispense with the transverse web disadvantageously present in the prior art. Thus, production of the ring shaped section of the tappet is considerably less complicated and therefore cheaper than ~~hitherto~~ in the prior art. At the same time, the installation space for the compression spring as a lost-motion spring is

increased, ~~as a result of which, .~~ As a result, if necessary, the tappet height can be reduced or a greater relative stroke of the sections in relation to one another can be produced. Precisely as a result of these measures according to the invention, relatively simple chip-free fabrication for the ring shaped section is suggested. Although, ~~like the subject of a further subclaim,~~ radial webs on the base side in the ring shaped section are not dispensed with completely, these are formed merely like weak ribs and are used to support an annular part of the compression spring as a lost-motion spring and, if appropriate, as a subdivision for two separate hydraulic fluid chambers.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to a further feature subclaim, the annular extension from the inner edge of the base of the ring shaped section is used firstly for excellent guidance of the circular section in the ring shaped section. Secondly, it has a radial opening for the simple fixing of the sleeve-like component.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, it is ~~the subject of a subclaim~~ a further feature to produce a simple antirotation safeguard for the sections in relation to one another by an inner edge of the sleeve-like component, which communicates with a flat on the outer surface of the circular section. Of course, those skilled in the art will discover still further antirotation measures of a form-fitting type.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The radial webs ~~originating o-riginating~~ from the base of the ring shaped section are used, as mentioned, for the contact of an annular part. Thus, two segment-like spaces for hydraulic fluid can be implemented, at least one chamber being used for the feed line of the hydraulic fluid in front of one end of the slider. The further chamber can be connected hydraulically to the first-named chamber. However, it can also be used as a supply chamber for the supply of an optionally applied hydraulic play compensating element in the circular section. If appropriate, the slider or the hydraulic element can be supplied virtually directly with hydraulic fluid from the cylinder head via a bore in the skirt.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The two ~~figures~~ Figures disclose a connectable bucket tappet 1 ~~which as known per se in the specialist world. The bucket tappet 1~~ comprises a ring shaped section 2 which~~[[,]] in its bore 3~~ therein, which accommodates a circular section 5 with its outer surface 4 such that it can move axially. The two sections 2, 5 each have ~~[[a]]~~ respective base 6, 7 for a cam contact. In this case, the base 6 is loaded by a cam (not shown) with a greater stroke than the base 7. Furthermore, the ring shaped section 2 has a skirt 8, via which the bucket tappet 1 can be mounted in a holder of a cylinder head of an internal combustion engine, not shown.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The circular section 5 has, in the vicinity of its base 7, a holder 9 running radially here for holding a piston-like slider 10. The slider 10 is sectionally enclosed by a helical spring 11. The ~~latter~~ spring is used to displace the slider 10 in the uncoupling direction i.e., back into the holder 9.

A holder 13 lies opposite one end 12 of the slider 10 in the region of the base 6 of the ring shaped section 2 during a basic circular pass of the cam. ~~Said~~ The holder 13 is produced as a sleeve-like component 14 and has an only relatively ~~low~~ short depth. The component 14, produced of deep-drawn sheet metal, for example, runs in an annular extension 15 which extends from an inner edge 16 of the base 6 of the ring shaped section 2 in the direction away from the base.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in figure 2, two diametrically ~~diametri-cally~~ opposite radial webs 16a, 16b originate from the base 6 of the ring shaped section 2. These are used firstly to stiffen the entire ring shaped section 2 and secondly for the contact of an annular part 17, of funnel-like geometry here. On this annular part 17, at one end there bears a compression spring 18 which, at the other end, is mounted on a support 19 connected to the circular section 5. The compression spring 18 is also designated a lost-motion spring.

Please delete pages 9 and 10.